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IV. *A Letter from Mr. Chr. Warren, Surgeon at Truro in Cornwall, to John Machin, Esq; Secr. R. S. Prof. Astr. Gresham. containing further Accounts of the Success of injecting medicated Liquors into the Abdomen, in the Case of an Ascites.*

S I R,

Read May 24. 1744. I BEG Leave to return my best Thanks

to the SOCIETY in general, and to you, Sir, in particular, for their unanimous Thanks to me, and their Approbation of what I communicated to them in relation to *Jane Roman**, whom I tapp'd and injected for a Dropsy, and yet remains in *statu quo*; tho' she inform'd me Yesterday, that she had labour'd under a Tertian Ague ever since last *January*: Indeed I should not wonder, if, after Nineteen Months Space, she should want the same Operation again, in a Country where Poison [a Dram] is habitually become the common Nutriment, Physician, and Counsellor on all Occasions.

Your kind Communication of Dr. *Hales's* judicious Remarks and Improvement on my Discovery †, does me great Honour and Pleasure; and the more so, as I was so happy as to have discover'd the Use and Efficacy of Injections by means of one Puncture only, on a poor Woman, about Ten Days before I received yours; from whom I drew near fifty Pints of drop-sical Lymph, by an easy Transmutation thereof into

* See *Philos. Transf.* Num. 472, p. 12.

† See *ibid.* p. 20.

an appropriated medicinal Fluid ; which was, without any Difficulty, retain'd within the Cavity near two Hours, and, at the Close of the Operation, drawn all off at once, without the least Symptom of a *Syncope* from Inanition ; of which I shall beg Leave to acquaint you further, when I see how she holds it, as well as of what else remarkable may occur in the Course of my Practice. I am, with the greatest Regard to the Learned, Worthy Gentlemen of the *Royal Society*,

S I R,

Your most obliged,

Truro, May 12.

1744.

and obedient humble Servant,

Chr. Warwick.

V. *A Letter from John Bevis, M. D. to John Machin, Esq; Secret. R. S. &c. containing some Observations concerning Mercury.*

S I R,

Presented May 4.
1744.

THE Observations to which the inclosed Computations are made by Mr. *Morris* from somewhat more correct Elements than those in Dr. *Halley's* Tables, were carefully taken by myself, with an excellent astronomical Sector of five Feet *Radius*. You will perceive how far I am limited, by my Friend's Request ; so must intreat you, if you think it worth while, to inform the